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TOPIC	Field Howitzers Observed with the 581st Gds Mort Regt of the 20th Gds 25X1	
	Mecz Div	
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At about 2100 on 9 March 1955, 60 motor vehicles, almost exclusively trucks, left the Tannenberg Kaserne (8502) in Weimar, went toward west and returned from the direction of Leipzig about 2 hours later. On 10 March, the same vehicles towing 8 x 122-mm field howitzers, 12 x 120-mm mortars, and 4 AT guns of 70 to 90 mm entered the Tannenberg Kaserne. The entering column included armored scout cars, radio trucks and motorcycles. The majority of the trucks was occupied by soldiers carrying full field equipment.

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Comment. According to weapons, units of the 581st Gds Mort Regt and, probably, the 65th Gds Mecz Regt of the 20th Gds Mecz Div returned to their quarters, apparently from a march practice, on 10 March. The fact that both, mortars and field howitzers were seen with the mortar regiment, supports the assumption that the reequipped mortar regiments of the mechanized divisions were assigned mortars as well as field howitzers, while the reequipped mortar regiments of tank divisions are believed to be assigned field howitzers exclusively.

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